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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination of this application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION —

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please substitute the following paragraphs in place of paragraphs 20 and 33.

a) [0020] The fibers 22 which are used in the face sheets 18 and 20 can be any of the fiber materials which are used to form composite laminates. Exemplary fiber materials include glass, aramid, carbon, ceramic and hybrids thereof. The fibers may be woven, unidirectional or in the form of random fiber mat. Preferred fiber materials include 193 grams per square meter (gsm or g/m²) plain weave carbon fabric with three thousand filament (3K), six thousand filament (6K) or twelve thousand filament (12K) fibers which are commercially available.

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